

BLACK WOMEN'S COALITION

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BELL HOOKS

The establishment of the Canadian Royal commission on the Status of Women 20 years ago has brought to the surface a lot of public debate about feminism and feminist theory in particular. This has been further emphasized by the End of the Decade Conference held in Nairobi and its follow up activities.

Bell Hooks (Dr. Gloria Watkins) in her first lecture during her Canadian Tour will challenge the prevailing ideas about feminist theory. Her lecture on Forward Together! Beyond Sex and Colour, on September 18, 1987, organized in collaboration with the Simone de Beauvoir Institute, will be held at 8:30 p.m. at D.B. Clarke Theatre, Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West.

Bell Hooks, in her book Feminist Theory: from Margin to Center states:

"Much feminist theory emerges from privileged women who live at the center, whose perspectives on reality rarely include knowledge and awareness of the lives of women and men who live in the margin. As a consequence, feminist theory lacks wholeness, lacks the broad analysis that could encompass a variety of human experiences. Although feminist theorists are aware of the need to develop ideas and analysis that encompass a larger number of experiences that serve to unify rather than to polarize, such theory is complex and slow in formation. At its most visionary, it will emerge from individuals who have knowledge of both margin and center."

Bell Hooks is a widely read author of international renown. Her two books (including Ain't I A Woman) on feminist theory have been and continue to provoke much discussion and controversy. She has taught at Yale University and University of California. She has lectured extensively on topics such as: Feminist Theory: New Perspectives; On Studying Black Women; Masculinity: A Feminist Critique; and Integrating Women's Studies Into Other Disciplines.

You are also cordially invited to a breakfast reception to be held from 7:30 - 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 18, 1987 at Concordia University, 7th floor, Faculty Club Lounge. Bell Hooks will be available for media opportunities.

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